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2000 PEOPLE GREET LOCAL BOYS OF 65TH

Immense Throng Gathers at Train to Pay Homage and Extend Best Wishes.

BOYS IN HIGH SPIRITS

Many Boxes of Delicacies Presented —Boys Enthusiastic to Reach The Other Side and Get Into Active Service.

Fully two thousand patriotic Roseburg folk lined the station platform this morning to greet the Roseburg and Douglas county members of the 65th artillery regiment, who were given a send off that has never been equaled in this city.

The first section, carrying several hundred soldiers, arrived at 9:45, closely following the regular morning train No. 53, and a few minutes behind the first contingent of boys came the second. The local boys were divided, several being on the first and several on the second divisions. However, as both sections stopped here at the same time, the platform was jammed with the relatives and friends of the young sons of Old Glory, who were tendered the best wishes of their many hundreds of friends. The various business houses and schools closed in order that their employes and scholars could meet the train, and in fact every one for miles around gathered to pay homage to our boys who are advancing into the struggle now with a vital object in view—to do their big bit—to sacrifice all possible that their nation might live.

Hundreds of boxes filled with delicacies of all kinds were handed the young soldiers who will enjoy a feast that is fit for the gods from their own home town. The Red Cross presented the boys with eight boxes of Umpqua valley's best apples and the Honor Guard packed two immense boxes filled with chocolates, fruit, cigarettes, jam, jelly, cookies and gum, the two thoughtful gifts assuring the boys of good eats for many days to come.

The Roseburg and Douglas county boys attached to the 65th are Lieutenant John J. Kernan, Sergeants Archie Milligan, George Willett, and Privates Bert Bates, John McClintock, Alfred Lilly, Herbert Quine, Clarence Tester, Wm. Barker, Cecil Black, Leon McClintock, Humphrey Rankin, John Ashworth, Calvin Evans, Claude Palm, Lorenzo Holman and Richard Fay. Steele Moorhead, a former local boy, who was to accompany the 65th was recently operated on for appendicitis and is confined to the hospital at Fort Stevens. Archie Young, a brother of Mrs. Jack Wharton, of this city was aboard as was also Corporal Glenn Plymale, of Medford, a cousin of Mrs. George Bolter. A number of relatives of other Roseburg people were aboard, each one receiving a warm welcome here.

The beautiful spring sunshine that has been prevalent during the entire day was abate during the train's stop over here and the intense feeling of sorrow that engulfed every heart over the thought of losing many of our favorite sons was somewhat lessened by this glorious touch of nature.

It was with tremendous pride that we sent our boys off today with the knowledge that they are going forth with brave hearts, with smiles of confidence into the mighty struggle—fighting side by side for the cause of humanity as well as of country—some of them sacrificing their lives that the union and liberty of their fathers might survive.

We point with pride also to the fact that when our country called for volunteers the boys of Douglas county including the local members of the 65th were among the first to respond to the plea for service—and in offering their lives they did so with courage—not so much in a spirit of resignation as in a sense of doing their bit for Old Glory and for world peace. The shutters of their souls some how flew open and they responded to the call of patriotism and service with unwavering footsteps.

Although not definitely known as to the time of sailing for France the boys are of the opinion that they will be on their way ere many days have passed for at the present time, the 65th is fully prepared to enter into active duty because of their long period of training at the fort. Enthusiasm is at the highest pitch among the members of the 65th, who are intensely impatient to reach the "other side" and "hand the Hun a few speed balls from the guns of the Oregon boys."

When interviewed by a News representative this morning a young lieutenant explained that the boys were splendidly equipped and were "in the finest physical trim imaginable. They are the finest bunch of young fellows in the state," de-

clared the officer, "and I truly feel sorry for Old Bill Kaiser, if they ever get the high hand over him. They are afraid of nothing, and are equal to any occasion. We're going to fight together to the man and the people of your little city can rest assured that their boys will be taken care of, and I trust that they will all return to you some day."

Many rumors as to the time of arrival of the 65th were abroad last evening, and as a consequence many local people held slumber parties at the depot where they declared their intentions of camping until the boys arrived. In the early morning hours a troop train arrived conveying a large company of soldiers from Vancouver, who were given food and cigarettes by the local people who have the interest of every soldier boy at heart. According to the local boys they were given receptions all along the line and were presented with many good eats from the citizens of other towns.

At 10:45 the last troop train pulled out this morning and the hearts of all were heavy as they bid farewell to our boys. Acclamations and best wishes were called as the train slowly wended its way southward conveying the many brave liberty lads to the battle torn fields of Europe where they will add their bit to that of hundreds of other patriotic Americans in the interest of the Stars and Stripes. The confidence and trust of every Roseburg citizen is with them in their struggle and on that day when victory has been won, when the security of democracy is established and a world justice assured by their aid, they will be welcomed as the saviors of humanity back to the city of roses, where they can dwell in peace forever more.

HURRIEDLY BUILD DEFENSIVE WORKS

Men and Women Feverishly Digging Trenches Around Petrograd.

RUSSIANS ARE ALARMED

Subtle Promises of Germans Looked Upon With Distrust as Army Approaches Capital—Raider Sinks 35 Ships is Claim.

(By Associated Press.)
ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Although Chancellors von Hertling, in his latest speech, declared that Germany's intentions in the east were not those of aggression or aggrandizement, the Hun military authorities declined to grant an armistice in view of the Bolshevik offer to accept peace, but troops continue their march toward Petrograd. The Bolsheviks are bending every effort to save the revolution and Petrograd, and there is great alarm in the Russian capital over reports that German troops have reached Luga, midway between Petrograd and Pskov. Street fighting in the latter place continues unabated, while forces of troops and workmen are being hastily sent out from Petrograd to check, if possible, the advancing Huns. Men and women are frantically digging trenches and building defensive positions around Petrograd, and the city will attempt to withstand a siege, which is now practically certain will soon be inaugurated by the Germans. It is announced that the Bolshevik government will move to Moscow in event the Germans succeed in taking Petrograd.

A provisional government has been formed for Estonia, a province bordering on the Baltic, and independence proclaimed.

Sinks 35 Ships.
BERLIN, Feb. 27.—German gunners brought down fifteen entente allied airplanes and three captive balloons, yesterday. The raider Wolf, which successfully eluded enemy war ship patrols hovering along the channel and in the North Sea and returned to base, this week, destroyed at least 35 vessels during her cruise, it was officially announced. Some of the vessels destroyed, so the official announcement claims, were loaded with British troops.

Since there have been no losses of British troop ships within recent months, this claim from Berlin is looked upon in this country as another German lie, given out to cause uneasiness and doubt in minds already filled with German propaganda. Losses of any troop ships would have been duly given to the public through official channels, because such a disaster or disasters could not have been concealed, even if secrecy had been desired.

Mrs. J. R. Medley returns to her home in Oakland this afternoon after spending the past few days in this city visiting with friends.

THE FOOD SURVEY REPORT TABULATED

Information Received by C. J. Hurd Shows Increase Wheat Acreage.

CROP OUTLOOK IS FINE

Forty Per Cent of Douglas County's Farmers Make a Report on Spring Wheat—Good Showing in Community.

County Agriculturalist C. J. Hurd, under whose supervision the government food survey has been conducted in Douglas county, is today preparing a tabulation of the results obtained in this community which are to be forwarded to the head office at Portland and later turned over to the food administration officials at Washington, D. C., who are anxious to know the food situation throughout the United States.

According to Mr. Hurd, the wheat outlook for the coming year is nearly 100 per cent better than last. The reports now in, from about 40 per cent of the farmers throughout this community show an increase of 3700 acres over the preceding year, and this figure ought to be indicative of what has been done along the line of increased food production all over the county.

Information received by Mr. Hurd shows that in 1917 the farmers who made reports on the situation had sown only 2318 acres to fall wheat whereas this year, in view of the big struggle ahead, where food counts most, 4347 acres have been planted. A great increase of spring wheat is also noted. In 1917, 1162 acres were set to spring wheat, this year 2824 acres have been sown. A material increase is readily seen. In reality, the foregoing tabulations do not show a very large acreage planted to wheat. However, it is very gratifying to note the vast increase over the previous years. It also signifies that the farmer, who must be depended on largely to feed our fighting men has taken the situation in hand, and is putting forth strident to ameliorate the existing conditions as far as possible.

"The condition of spring wheat," said Mr. Hurd, "when interviewed today, 'is probably 50 per cent better this year than last. Winter wheat is also looking good and I have noticed particularly where the land has suitable drainage that the crop is looking the best I've seen it.'"

The food survey opened in this county February 16 and closed February 23. During that period over 700 farmers, who were supplied with the necessary blank forms through Mr. Hurd's office have made returns and it is from these reports that the food situation in the county will be determined. Other like information will be asked from the food producers, at different intervals during the year and eventually the exact conditions as they exist throughout the United States will be fully known by the government officials.

It is of the utmost importance that the food administration authorities have complete data at hand from all parts of the country so that the amount of food stuffs that are to be turned out from all sections will be known and with this in view a careful study of the expected crops will be made.

EVERYBODY GOES TO LIBERTY TONIGHT

A number of young people caused a great commotion in the vicinity of the Liberty theatre last evening when the atmosphere about the adjacent district was fairly filled with howls of laughter. The entire neighborhood for several blocks around were seriously disturbed by the boisterous laughter and a "We're from Missouri" party was quickly formed to inquire in the theatre as to the seemingly undue hilarity. Upon reaching the door of the play house and casting their heads in the portals the searching party were heard to "shriek" with the mysterious "giggles" within and a News representative, unable to quell the intense feeling of curiosity went for a look in—just for satisfaction. Lo! there upon the stage was assembled a number of popular young people of the town who were in the act of rehearsing their various acts for the Honor Guard vaudeville, which is scheduled for this evening.

When the participants are inspired to laughter from watching their own acts there must be something tremendously worth while and funny to see, and to this any one will agree when they visit the Liberty on Wednesday and are forced to hold their sides. Every act is a scream and

COURT TAKES LAY-OFF.

To give the county employes and jurymen a chance to see the soldier boys who passed through this city this morning, the judicial machinery at the court house was practically stopped for an hour or more. Judge Hamilton called a halt in court proceedings and when the trial of the State vs. P. D. Pinkerson was again opened, jurists were extending the "glad hand" to the boys in khaki. The court balliffs were dispatched to bring in the wanderers and the legal machinery was again set in motion. The grim game of war, for the time being at least, overshadowed all else, and it is striking a bit near home and hearts each day.

one gets the biggest number of screams ever offered for the nominal admittance fee of 25 cents. The managers of the vaudeville, Clark L. Bangar and Roy E. Bellows, request that all fruit and vegetables be left at the box office unless it is to be presented over the footlights in the conventional manner. Most everyone in the city is planning on dropping in at the Liberty theatre tonight and adding their bit to the Honor Guard fund—which is adding their bit for the cause of Old Glory.

6000 PEOPLE GREET BOYS SAYS I. BRUNN

Irvin Brunn, a prominent shoe dealer of this city who has been spending the past few days in Portland transacting business matters, returned this morning. Mr. Brunn informed a News representative that there were 6000 people at the depot in Portland upon the arrival of the troop train at 1 o'clock this morning and that the boys were afforded a tremendous demonstration. Hundreds of boxes filled with dainty food were supplied by the Portlanders, who Mr. Brunn states gave the boys a grand send-off.

Mrs. Joe Winnifred, who has been visiting with friends and relatives in the east for the past month returned to their home here this afternoon. She reported a very delightful trip.

"LIQUID SUNSHINE" JURY DISAGREES

The jury composed of James Ewart, J. H. Brown, foreman, Frank Brown, James Marvin, Frank A. Clemens, Carl A. Patzias, Henry Lander, C. F. Kesterson, H. W. Jones, E. L. Giles, Alfred Mathews and L. M. Van Auker, who heard the case of the State vs. E. L. Settle and Dr. Harry Owen, charged with violating the prohibition laws and who retired to deliberate early yesterday afternoon after an all night's vigil, failed to reach a verdict, and shortly after nine o'clock this morning Judge Hamilton, after their foreman had informed the magistrate that the body was hopelessly divided, excused them from further duty until 9 a. m. tomorrow, with the exception of L. M. Van Auker, who was on special venire and therefore was relieved from further jury service.

It is understood that the jurymen during the night took as many as fifty ballots and this morning they were still "off side" eight for acquittal and four for conviction.

The case will be re-tried at some later date, so it was announced today.

AUSTRIA WILL TAKE NO PART RUSSIAN TANGLE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—That there is serious controversy between Austria and Germany over the Russian situation, is indicated in official dispatches from France, which quote the Austrian premier as repeating that Austria-Hungary will under no circumstances take part in the aggressive action against Russia or Roumania, neither will she send troops into Ukraine. The dispatches allege that a serious conflict between Austria and Germany is imminent, and that the dispute by violent measures, if necessary.

RUSSIAN TROOPS REFUSE TO FIGHT

Two Regiments Captured by German Soldiers Without Much Resistance.

ADVANCE ON PETROGRAD

Workmen Willing to Fight but Un- trained and Cannot Offer Much Opposition to Huns—Hospital Ship Sunk By Diver.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Feb. 27.—German troops yesterday captured two Russian regiments who were in retreat north of Dorpat. There was practically no resistance offered.

Russians Refuse to Fight.
LONDON, Feb. 27.—Special dispatches from Russia today state that Slav troops refused to fight, saying, "Let the Germans take us." While the workmen are willing to fight, they are untrained and can accomplish but little. It is believed the Germans will be able to take Petrograd with little trouble or opposition.

German Hypocrisy.
PARIS, Feb. 27.—The French press generally considers Chancellor von Hertling's speech as merely a continuation of Germany's efforts to create differences between the allies. The speech of von Hertling is universally said to be hypocrisy of the Simon pure sort.

Sinks Hospital Ship.
LONDON, Feb. 27.—There is joy in Berlin this morning over the sinking of the British hospital ship Glenart Castle, yesterday, in the channel. There were no patients aboard, but a number of the crew were lost when the ship was torpedoed. Survivors were rescued by a United States torpedo craft. Eight bodies of sailors killed are still unaccounted for. It is believed 164 were lost.

Grand Stand Collapsed.
LONDON, Feb. 27.—In a collapse of the Chinese public stands at the Hong Kong Jockey club races, Tuesday, nearly one hundred women and children were trampled to death. According to dispatches received here fire broke out in the wreckage resulting in several hundred persons being burned to death in addition to those trampled upon when the stand collapsed following collapse of the stand.

GRAIN ORDERS ARE ROUNDED UP

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—A round up of California boarders of grain and flour has been completed by the state food administrator. About twenty-five dealers are involved in disclosures made, and prosecutions are expected to follow.

AN ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP MACHINERY FOILED

(By Associated Press.)
NEWBURGH, N. J., Feb. 27.—An attempt to blow up machinery at the ship yard plant here was frustrated today when a guard picked up a bomb and hurled it to a less vital spot, where it exploded, doing relatively little damage.

PRICE FIXING DOESN'T STOP PROFITEERING

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Senator Lodge, republican, of Massachusetts, today declared the government price fixing system a failure as a method of preventing profiteering. The senator also denounced the fuel administration as an unnecessary agency "composed largely of amateurs."

CARRIED SUPPLIES TO GERMANS IS ALLEGED

(By Associated Press.)
A PACIFIC PORT, Feb. 27.—The master, chief engineer and purser of the coastwise steamer Centralia are

held by federal authorities at San Pedro. The men were ordered arrested on charges growing out of an investigation of an alleged pro-German plot. It is claimed that the trio carried supplies aboard ship and delivered them to Germans in Lower California, and also tried to obstruct the draft.

SHY ON SPRUCE AND LINEN IN GERMANY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Captured German airplanes brought to the United States reveal the fact that Teutons are using materials in construction which are very inferior to American standards. This is taken as indicating that the Huns are short of spruce and linen, two commodities essential in building aircraft.

ENEMY ALIENS FIT FOR INTERNMENT

(By Associated Press.)
CAMP LEWIS, Feb. 27.—Sixteen Austrian-born soldiers among over two hundred of discharged enemy aliens have been recommended for internment. The officers allege the men are dangerous aliens.

NEW DELIVERY SCHEDULE MADE

Expenses of Getting Goods to City Patrons Will Be Partly Eliminated.

TAKE EFFECT MARCH 15

Two Deliveries Each Day, Morning and Afternoon Is the Plan Now Devised By The Local Business Houses.

At a special meeting of the Merchants Association held last evening action was taken on the matter of reducing the number of deliveries made each day to the residents of Roseburg. At the present time there are four deliveries each day, two in the morning and a like number in the afternoon. It is now proposed to have but two deliveries each day, morning and afternoon, thus doing away with the additional expense incurred by the merchants in delivering their wares. According to the decision reached at the special meeting last night the new system will be installed the 15th of March, though full and definite plans have not been fully perfected and there may be a few minor changes.

According to present plans the division point of the new schedule will be Cass street. The first morning delivery will leave the north side at 7:45 for the resident district south of Cass street and at 10 o'clock for all that district north of Cass. In the afternoon the same route will be taken and this new system of delivery will probably result in the homes north of Cass street being served later than heretofore, however, this may be adjusted when the new schedule is put into effect and in perfect working order.

According to those interested in the change the elimination of four deliveries to two each day will cut down the expenses incurred about one-fifth to the merchants of the city, which, when taken into consideration, means quite a saving to those concerned, and while the delivery service will not be as prompt and frequent as usual will work no hardship when patrons become accustomed to the new schedule.

Another matter which was discussed by the members of the association last evening was that of encouraging the use of potatoes as a substitute instead of the many other grain products used in making bread. Resolutions were passed asking that 100 pounds of spuds be used to every 50 pounds of flour, owing to the fact that there is an abundance of potatoes in the market while it is just the reverse with the other substitutes. Many families throughout the state have already begun the use of the potato as a part of the ingredients of their bread and with excellent success. It will no doubt meet with the approval of all Roseburg housekeepers who are exerting every effort to conserve on food stuffs during the present crisis.

C. W. Winston left for his home in Wilbur this afternoon after attending to business matters in this city.

ASSESSOR CORDON NAMES FIELD CREW

Work Listing and Valuing All Taxable Property to Com- mence March 1st.

NO CHANGE VALUATION

If Taxpayers Will Prepare List Of Personal Property, Expense of Field Work Will Be Cut Materially.

County Assessor Guy Cordon today announced the field deputies, who are to list and value all taxable property in their allotted districts for the 1918 assessment roll, commencing March 1, and continuing until this important work is fully completed. According to Mr. Cordon, the law requires that all taxable property shall be assessed in the name of the owner at one o'clock a. m., March 1. The field deputies have been instructed to assess all taxable property in their respective districts at its true cash value and owing to the fact that it has been decided that little or no change is to be made in the assessed valuation of real estate this year, the field deputies principal work will be the valuing and listing of personal property. In this connection it may be noted that the law heretofore enforced required the assessor to collect all taxes on personal property not secured by real estate was modified by a law passed by the 1917 legislature, so that now the assessor is required to collect only in cases where the personal property is about to be dissipated or removed from the county.

"It is well, also," said Mr. Cordon today, "for all purchasers of personal property to remember that the enactment above referred to makes the tax on such property a lien on the same after March 1, consequently any personal property purchased subsequent to March 1 is taken over subject to the tax for that year. Heretofore such was not the case, the tax on personal property following the owner March 1, and not the property as is now the case. If all taxpayers will have a list of taxable property made out for the taxpayer when he calls, it will materially reduce the expense connected with the field work."

The following field workers were appointed today:

- William Voorhies—Looking Glass, Ten Mile, Brockway and vicinity.
- H. W. Jones—Glenary, Dole, Myrtle Creek and vicinity.
- A. S. Ireland—Camas Valley, Olalla, Rice and Willis creeks and vicinity.
- J. A. Fenn—Riddle, Canyonville, upper South Umpqua country.
- A. G. Clarke—Glendale, West Fork and the upper Cow creek valley section.
- J. G. Stephenson—Roseburg.
- A. L. Perkins—Gardiner, Reedport and vicinity.
- Gus Grubbe—Elkton, Scottsburg, and vicinity.
- C. E. Hasard—Drain and vicinity.
- H. C. Lauman—Yoncaia and vicinity.
- W. L. Hatch—Oakland, Sutherland and vicinity.
- J. N. Truthill—Lower Calapooia and Cleveland.
- E. G. Cloake—Edenbower, Garden valley and eastward to Sunshine ranch.
- W. R. Morgan—Glide, Peel, Oak creek and vicinity.

PINKERSON APPEAL BOOZE CASE ON

The case of the State vs. P. D. Pinkerson, a former Southern Pacific switchman, employed in this city, who is charged with the specific crime of violating the prohibition laws, is being heard in the circuit court this afternoon and it is doubtful if the case reaches the jury before late tomorrow morning.

Mr. Pinkerson, it will be remembered was convicted of carrying on illicit booze trafficking in the justice court some time ago, and was then fined \$400 to which a jail sentence was attached. His attorney, Seneca Fouts, of Portland, who is now conducting the defense, carried the case to the circuit court where it will be disposed of.

At a late hour this afternoon a jury to hear the above case had not been drawn, owing to the fact that many of the jury panel had been challenged by the opposing attorneys. Special veniremen were called in and it is not thought that the case will be ready for trial until early tomorrow morning.